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FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 4683 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 10 SEP 77

QUOTE S E C R E T PRETORIA 4683

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROBLEM

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1. I NOTE THAT IN PROPOSED DEMARCHE WE EXPRESSED A WILLING-
NESS TO INITIATE ACTION TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR KEOBERG BUT SAY
NOTHING ABOUT SAFARI I. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER (A) THIS
IS A BARGAINING TACTIC; (B) WE ARE HESITANT TO PROVIDE FUEL
IN THE NEAR TERM GIVEN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE,

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WHILE SUPPLYING KEOBERG IS SUFFICIENTLY FAR AWAY NOT TO RAISE
THE SAME PROBLEMS; OR (C) THERE ARE OTHER REASONS.

2. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS MY JUSGMENT THAT THE SAG WILL NOT
MEET OUR DEMANDS ON THE BASIS OF KEOBERG ALONE. AS DEPARTMENT
WILL RECALL, VORSTER IN HIS CAPE TOWN SPEECH LISTED FOUR
AREAS HE WANTED TO DISCUSS (REFTEL B). OF THESE THE ONES

RELATING TO REINSTATEMENT OR THE IAEA GOVERNING BOARD AND OTHER GB MEMBERS ACCEPTING NPT, THE SOUTH AFRICANS MIGHT BE WILLING TO LET PASS; BUT I ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL DIG IN THEIR HEELS ON SAFARI I AND KOEBERG. HAVING GONE PUBLIC ON THESE TWO THE WAY THE PM DID ON AUGUST 24, MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR VORSTER TO BACK DOWN. THE OTHER MORE GENERAL POINTS RELATING TO IAEA HE MAY BE WILLING TO SLOUGH OFF WITH AN APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION OF POSITION.

3. THE CHANCES OF VORSTER DOING WHAT WE ASK WILL BE ENHANCED IF WE CAN BE FORTHCOMING ON SAFARI I AS WELL AS KOEBERG.

4. FOR MY OWN BACKGROUND, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHY SAFARI I WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEMARCHE PACKAGE.
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